



Board of Barbering & Cosmetology

The Facts about Board Licenses and AB 2168

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CONSUMER INFORMATION SHEET

What is Assembly Bill (AB) 2168?

- If passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Schwarzenegger, AB 2168 (Correa, D-Santa Ana) would extend the requirements of the Board's instructor license category until 2006. It would also restore the Board's authority to collect fees for this license.
- It will **not** exempt anyone from having to have a license, and it would **not** provide temporary licenses for new applicants.

What are the requirements to get a license in the State of California?

Cosmetologist

- Age: 17 years old or older
- Completed the 10th grade or equivalent
- Have not been convicted of a crime or matters outlined in Business and Professions (B&P) Code Section 480
- Have a Social Security Number

⇒ Applicants must also have completed one of the following:

- Completed 1,600 hours of course training in a Board-approved school
- Practiced cosmetology in another state or country as a licensed cosmetologist and meets the Board's requirements
- Completed the California apprenticeship program
- Hold a Barber's license in California and have completed a cosmetology cross-over course approved by the Board

“Under no circumstances shall a temporary license be issued.”

Business and
Professions Code
Section 7399

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Barber

- Age: 17 years old or older
- Completed the 10th grade or equivalent
- Have not been convicted of a crime or matters outlined in Business and Professions (B&P) Code Section 480
- Have a Social Security Number

⇒ Applicants must also have completed one of the following:

- Completed 1,500 hours of course training in a Board-approved school
- Practiced barbering in another state or country as a licensed cosmetologist and meets the Board's requirements
- Completed an apprenticeship program
- Hold a Cosmetology license in this state and have completed a barber cross over course approved by the Board
- Completed a cosmetology course in a school approved by the Board and have completed a barber cross-over course approved by the Board
- Completed comparable military training as documented by submission of Verification of Military Experience and Training (V-MET) records

Esthetician

- Age: 17 years old or older
- Completed the 10th grade or equivalent
- Have not been convicted of a crime or matters outlined in Business and Professions (B&P) Code Section 480
- Have a Social Security Number

⇒ Applicants must also have completed one of the following:

- Completed 600 hours of course training at a Board-approved school
- Practiced skin care in another state or country as a licensed esthetician and meets the Board's requirements

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Manicurist

- Age: 17 years old or older
- Completed the 10th grade or equivalent
- Have not been convicted of a crime or matters outlined in Business and Professions (B&P) Code Section 480
- Have a Social Security Number

⇒ Applicants must also have completed one of the following:

- Completed 400 hours of course training in a Board-approved school
- Practiced nail care in another state or country as a licensed manicurist and meets the Board's requirements

Electrologist

- Age: 17 years old or older
- Completed the 12th grade or equivalent
- Have not been convicted of a crime or matters outlined in Business and Professions (B&P) Code Section 480
- Have a Social Security Number

⇒ Applicants must also have completed one of the following:

- Completed 600 hours of course training in a Board-approved school
- Practiced electrology for 18 months in another state or country as a licensed electrologist and meet the Board's requirements

What can happen if you are not licensed or if you employ someone who is not licensed?

- It is illegal for someone to provide cosmetology services for compensation unless the Board properly licenses them.
- It is also illegal to work in an establishment that is not properly licensed by the Board. (B&P Code Section 7317)
- For the first offense, the fine for an establishment for allowing an unlicensed person to work is \$500. The first offense fine for working in an unlicensed establishment is also \$500.
- It is also illegal to allow anyone to perform or practice any occupation regulated by the Board if the Board does not properly license them. For the first offense, the fine is \$500. (B&P Code Section 7349)